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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 IN RE: PORTFOLIO RECOVERY
12 ASSOCIATES, LLC, TELEPHONE
13 CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT
14 LITIGATION,
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Civil 11-md-2295-JAH (BGS)
No.

**NOTICE AND ORDER
SETTING SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE**

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18 After conferring with counsel, the Court finds it appropriate to hold a Settlement
19 Conference in the above-captioned putative consolidated class action. Accordingly, **IT IS**
20 **HEREBY ORDERED:**

21 1. A Settlement Conference shall be conducted on **May 8, 2013**, at **9:30 a.m.**
22 in the chambers of Magistrate Judge Bernard G. Skomal at 333 W. Broadway, Suite 1280,
23 San Diego, CA. Counsel shall submit confidential settlement statements directly to
24 chambers by courier or may e-mail statements to **efile_Skomal@casd.uscourts.gov** no later
25 than **April 26, 2013**. Each party's settlement statement shall set forth the party's statement
26 of the case, identify controlling legal issues, concisely set out issues of liability and damages,
27 and shall set forth the party's settlement position, including the last offer or demand made
28 by that party, and a separate statement of the offer or demand the party is prepared to make

1 at the settlement conference. Settlement conference briefs shall not be filed with the Clerk
2 of the Court, nor shall they be served on opposing counsel.

3 2. The principal attorneys responsible for the litigation must be present and
4 legally and factually prepared to discuss and resolve the case at the Settlement Conference.
5 This includes interim co-lead class counsel and Plaintiffs' liaison counsel to the Court.
6 Defendant's party representative(s) with full and unlimited authority to negotiate and enter
7 into a binding settlement are also to be present in person. Retained outside corporate counsel
8 shall not appear on behalf of a corporation as the party who has the authority to negotiate and
9 enter into a settlement. **Personal appearances of counsel for individual tag-along actions**
10 **are not required nor expected to appear.** Personal appearances of Plaintiffs is also not
11 required.

12 Failure to attend the conference or obtain proper excuse will be considered
13 grounds for sanctions.

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15 Dated: March 26, 2013

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17 **BERNARD G. SKOMAL**
18 United States Magistrate Judge
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